

## **The September Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held at Armstrong's Restaurant.**

The Membership meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2024, by Norman D'Allura, KN4YFI, president. Sixteen members and three guests attended. The usual round of introductions was completed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's March report was read by Norman D'Allura, KN4YFI, and was approved. The second reading for the membership application for Dennis Perry, KC0QYD was made. His application was approved.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary received no additions or corrections to the draft minutes. The minutes, as presented, were accepted.

### **ARES Report**

David Tanks, AD4TJ, ARES coordinator, delivered the ARES report. Instead of a net, there will be a fox hunt on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. It will start at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. The coordinator reminded the membership that there was still a need for volunteers to support the Grindstone 100.

### **Contests and Special Events**

The coordinator announced that the ARRL VHF Contest will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. The CQ DX RTTY Contest would be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Blue Ridge Bonanza, celebrating the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be held on September 8. On September 14, there will be a celebration of the Coast Guard's Birthday, including the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Valley Veterans Ride is scheduled for September 7. There will be three routes for riders to take this year.

It was announced that 70 people attended the Skywarn class on August 28. However, the information concerning amateur radio was not up to date. The Skywarn net will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

### **Old Business**

The president asked for feedback on the VARA Picnic. Those who attended seemed to have had a good time.

### **New Business**

The president announced that Armstrong's Restaurant had asked if VARA could change the date of its November meeting as the date conflicted with election night activities to be held there. The consensus of the Association was that the meeting should be moved to **Monday, November 4.**

In accordance with the Association By-laws, a nominating committee was appointed to develop a slate of at least one candidate for each officer position of the Association. The Committee was made up of John Glover, KN4ILI, and Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW. They will recommend a slate of nominees to the Association at its October 1 meeting.

Vice-president, John Lasher, N3GLZ, announce that he needed members to volunteer to make presentations at next year's meetings. He would also like to hear any suggestions of topics the membership might be interested in.

The 50/50 drawing was held, and one prize was awarded to John Lasher, N3GLZ. He donated his prize back to the Association.

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, there was a round table discussion where members of the Association talked about what got them interested in the hobby.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan  
Secretary